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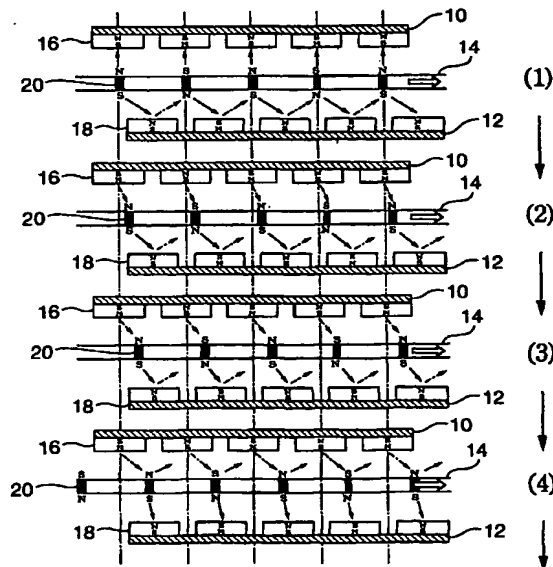
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(54) Title: MAGNETIC STRUCTURE AND MOTOR EMPLOYING SAID MAGNETIC STRUCTURE, AND DRIVER COMPRISING SAID MOTOR



(57) Abstract: Provided is a small motor superior in weight/torque balance. A phase stator 10 and B phase stator 12 are disposed to face each other. A rotor is interpositioned between these stators. Electromagnetic coils @are provided to the stators evenly in the circumferential direction. A permanent magnet is provided to the rotor evenly in the circumferential direction. The exciting polarity of the electromagnetic coil is alternately opposite, and this is the same for the permanent magnet. A signal having a prescribed frequency is input to the A phase electromagnetic coil and B phase electromagnetic coil. The rotor rotates between the stators as a result thereof.

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(PCT Article 18 and Rules 43 and 44)

Applicant's or agent's file reference S0279SW10WO	FOR FURTHER ACTION <small>see Notification of Transmittal of International Search Report (Form PCT/ISA/220) as well as, where applicable, item 5 below.</small>	
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Applicant SEIKO EPSON CORPORATION		

This International Search Report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

This International Search Report consists of a total of 9 sheets.

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3. ☒ **Unity of invention is lacking** (see Box II).

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☐ None of the figures.

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Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 1 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

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because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:

2. ☒ Claims Nos.: 19-22, 24-26
because they relate to parts of the International Application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful International Search can be carried out, specifically:
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3. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

see additional sheet

1. ☒ As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers all searchable claims.

2. ☐ As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.

3. ☐ As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:

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- ☐ The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.
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Claims Nos.: 19-22, 24-26

The wording of the independent claims 19, 21 and 24 is so obscure and incoherent and leads to such a lack of clarity in the sense of Article 6 PCT that a meaningful search over the whole claimed scope is impossible. Consequently, the search has not been carried out for the above mentioned claims.

The applicant's attention is drawn to the fact that claims relating to inventions in respect of which no international search report has been established need not be the subject of an international preliminary examination (Rule 66.1(e) PCT). The applicant is advised that the EPO policy when acting as an International Preliminary Examining Authority is normally not to carry out a preliminary examination on matter which has not been searched. This is the case irrespective of whether or not the claims are amended following receipt of the search report or during any Chapter II procedure. If the application proceeds into the regional phase before the EPO, the applicant is reminded that a search may be carried out during examination before the EPO (see EPO Guideline C-VI, 8.5), should the problems which led to the Article 17(2) declaration be overcome.

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This International Searching Authority found multiple (groups of) inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. claims: 1-8,13,15,16,17,27,28,31,33,38,39

Magnetic Structure with a bodies formed in straight lines

2. claims: 9-12,23

Magnetic structure with rotational speed detection means

3. claims: 14,18

Motor having a gear formed on the rotor

4. claims: 29,30,32,34,35,36,37

Magnetic structure built according to the embodiment of fig.
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